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Saint Martin

US State Dept Travel Advisory

The US Department of State currently recommends US citizens RECONSIDER TRAVEL to French West Indies, which includes the islands of Guadeloupe, Martinique, French Saint Martin, and Saint Barthélemy, due to health and safety measures and COVID-related conditions. Consult its website daily via the link below for any travel advisories about visiting this country. Saint Martin is an overseas region of France. Search under France or nearby Caribbean islands for additional basic information.

https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/traveladvisories/traveladvisories.html

Passport/Visa Requirements US citizens should make sure their passport will not expire for at least 6 months after they enter the country even if they do not intend to stay that long. They should also make sure they have at least 1 blank page in their passport for any entry stamp that will be required. A visa is not required as long as you do not stay in the country more than 89 days.

US Embassy/ Consulate

none (overseas collectivity of France); US citizens may call US Dept of State (202)-501-4444 for emergencies; alternate contact is the US Embassy in Barbados [1] (246) 227-4000; US Embassy in Bridgetown, Wildey Business Park, St. Michael BB 14006, Barbados, WI

Vaccinations

An International Certificate of Vaccination for yellow fever is required for travelers arriving from countries with a risk of yellow fever transmission and for travelers having transited through the airport of a country with risk of yellow fever transmission. See WHO recommendations.

http://www.who.int

Climate

Temperature averages 27-29°C (80.6 - 84.2°F) all year long; low humidity, gentle trade winds, brief, intense rain showers; hurricane season stretches from July to November

Currency (Code)

Euros (EUR)

Electricity/Voltage/Plug

220 V / 60 Hz / plug type(s): C, E

Type(s)



Major Languages

French, English, Dutch, French Patois, Spanish, Papiamento (dialect of Netherlands

Antilles)

Religions

Roman Catholic, Jehovah's Witness, Protestant, Hindu

Time Difference

UTC-4 (1 hour ahead of Washington, DC, during Standard Time)

Potable Water Yes

International Driving

Permit

Suggested

Road Driving Side Right

Tourist destinations Marigot; Pinel Island; Little Bay Beach; Orient Bay Beach; Mullet Bay; Kim Sha Beach

Cultural Practices Making a circle with the thumb and index finger can be taken as an insult.

Tipping Guidelines On the French side of the island a service charge is included in the price of a meal.

Most guests tip by rounding up and leave a few euros.

Telephone Code 590

Local Emergency

Phone

Ambulance: 911, 542-2111; Fire: 911,120; Police: 911, 542-2111

Please visit the following links to find further information about your desired destination.

World Health Organization (WHO) - To learn what vaccines and health precautions to take while visiting your destination. http://www.who.int

<u>US State Dept Travel Information - Overall information about foreign travel for US citizens.</u> <u>https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel.html</u>

To obtain an international driving permit (IDP). Only two organizations in the US issue IDPs:

American Automobile Association (AAA) (www.aaa.com) and

American Automobile Touring Alliance (AATA) (www.aataidp.com)

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